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SUBJ: MARTINS GUERREIRO, MEMBER OF PORTUGUESE RC, VISITS
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1. CAPTAIN MARTINS GUERREIRO ARRIVED IN ROME JUNE 23 FOR WHAT ITALIAN PRESS SERVICE DESCRIBED AS A FIVE DAY VISIT TO ITALY DURING WHICH HE WOULD MEET "PERSONALITIES FROM THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND LABOR SPHERES". ON JUNE 24 HE MET WITH PCI CHIEF BERLINGUER AND PSDI LEADER ORLANDI, AND HELD AN OPEN PRESS CONFERENCE.

2. ACCORDING /L'UNITA'/, MARTINS GUERREIRO SKETCHED FOR BERLINGUER THE ORIGINS, DEVELOPMENT, OBJECTIVES AND SOCIALIST OPTIONS OF THE ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT, EMPHASIZING THE WILL TO REACH THESE GOALS BY PEACEFUL AND PLURALISTIC MEANS, TO COMPLETE THE DECOLONIZATION PROCESS AND TO ASSURE A SOCIALIST DEVELOPMENT FOR PORTUGAL.

3. ACCORDING TO ITALIAN PRESS SERVICE (ANSA), MARTINS GUERREIRO SAID THAT "THE DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT" WILL NEVER COME TO PASS IN PORTUGAL. THE AFM HAS DECIDED TO ACHIEVE SOCIALISM WHILE MAINTAINING DEMOCRACY AND A
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PLURALISTIC PARTY SYSTEM.

4. DOWNPLAYING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE "REPUBLICA" AFFAIR, MARTINS GUERREIRO CALLED IT A "SECONDARY EPISODE", THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR WHICH LIES WITH MANAGEMENT WHO "REFUSE TO CONTINUE WORKING WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE PRINTERS COMMITTEE". THE PRINTERS, IN TURN ARE OPPOSED TO MANAGEMENT AND EDITORS BECAUSE THE PAPER HAS RECENTLY TAKEN ON A MORE "CONSERVATIVE" POSTURE, PUBLISHING ARTICLES WHICH THE PRINTERS DIDN'T LIKE. THE AFM HAS ASSUMED ONLY THE ROLE OF "MEDIATOR" BETWEEN THE CONCERNED PARTIES.

5. HOPE RELAY FURTHER INFORMATION BY SUBSEQUENT TEL.VOLPE

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